Kozhikode Station

3332. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works to be undertaken for expansion of Kozhikode Station; and

(b) the funds sanctioned for this purpose during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Works of provision of second class waiting hall and carriage watering arrangement at estimated cost of Rs. 9.73 lakh and Rs. 10.40 lakh respectively are proposed to be taken up during 1992-93 at Kozhikode railway station.

(b) Rs. 5.00 lakh.

Baby-friendly Hospitals to promote breast feeding

3333. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that World Health organisation and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund have initiated the concept of baby-friendly hospitals to promote breast feeding;

(b) whether the breast feeding has declined in urban areas of the country and the advertisements for promoting bottle-feeding have increased;

(c) whether a Committee or study group to study the new concept with a view to introduction of the same in the country has been constituted; and

(d) if not, whether such a Committee or study-group is likely to be constituted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A study conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research revealed that upto 97% mothers were breast feeding their babies at six weeks.

(c) and (d). Indian Medical Association, a voluntary organisation of medical practitioners, have organised a meeting of various experts on 27th March, 1992, to discuss the possible criteria and guidelines for recognition/registration of hospitals as baby-friendly.

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Clearance to Okleshwar Project

3334. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal or environmental clearance for Okleshwar Project of Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of the Government since last one and a half year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Proposal for Okleshwar Project of Madhya Pradesh has not so far